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EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA

2 ALEXANDRIA DIVISION

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4 UNITED STATES, et al., :

5 Plaintiffs, :

6 v. : Case No.

7 GOOGLE, LLC, : 1:23-cv-00108

8 Defendant. :

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16 Department of Justice, Antitrust Division, 450 Fifth

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18 D.C. 20001, before Christina S. Hotsko, RPR, CRR, of

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21 when were present on behalf of the respective

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<p style="text-align: right;">Page 98</p> <p>1 advertising formats are interchangeable from an 2 advertiser's perspective by determining whether 3 they are very similar? 4 MR. WOLIN: Objection to form. 5 THE WITNESS: I don't think I've stated 6 that opinion. 7 BY MR. BITTON: 8 Q. Your opinions as to whether digital ad 9 formats are interchangeable are based on the 10 definition of "interchangeable" from the Oxford 11 English Dictionary that says interchangeable means 12 very similar, right? 13 MR. WOLIN: Objection to form. 14 THE WITNESS: Well, as we've covered 15 several times, I tried to understand clearly what 16 Professor Ghose's opinions expressed in his report 17 were, since he did not define his key 18 term "interchangeable." And I believe his usage 19 of the word "interchangeable" is consistent with 20 the definition provided in the Oxford English 21 Dictionary. 22 So the arguments about interchangeability</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 100</p> <p>1 What I can say with confidence is that 2 the evidence presented in Professor Ghose's report 3 and Dr. Israel's report related to advertisers 4 switching between formats definitely do not 5 approach proving that the distinct formats are 6 interchangeable. 7 That is not the same as saying that some 8 type of evidence -- or that any type of evidence 9 of switching would be entirely irrelevant to 10 attempts to prove some type of claim about 11 interchangeability. 12 BY MR. BITTON: 13 Q. Did you conduct -- well, strike that. 14 Did you do any analysis of your own to 15 determine the cross-elasticity of demand between 16 digital advertising formats to determine whether 17 they were interchangeable? 18 MR. WOLIN: Objection to form. 19 THE WITNESS: I don't believe that I was 20 retained for that, so -- and I didn't find that to 21 be necessary to form the opinions that I expressed 22 in my report.</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 99</p> <p>1 that I was asked to evaluate, I tried to clarify 2 what I believe they mean, and that's where the 3 term "very similar" comes into play. 4 BY MR. BITTON: 5 Q. Okay. Did you conduct your own analyses 6 of the degree to which advertisers switch between 7 digital ad formats to determine whether they were 8 interchangeable? 9 MR. WOLIN: Objection to form. 10 THE WITNESS: I don't believe that 11 advertisers switching between formats can prove 12 that distinct advertising formats are 13 interchangeable, as I've argued in the report. 14 BY MR. BITTON: 15 Q. Do you believe that advertisers switching 16 between ad formats is relevant to the 17 determination of whether distinct advertising 18 formats are interchangeable? 19 MR. WOLIN: Objection to form. 20 THE WITNESS: Forgive my slow answer. 21 I'm trying to think carefully about the question 22 that you asked.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 101</p> <p>1 BY MR. BITTON: 2 Q. Okay. So none of your opinions in your 3 report are based on an analysis of 4 cross-elasticity of demand between digital 5 advertising formats, right? 6 MR. WOLIN: Objection to form. 7 THE WITNESS: I would also point out that 8 the passages I was asked to evaluate also did not 9 rely on cross-price elasticities of different 10 advertising formats. 11 BY MR. BITTON: 12 Q. Yeah, but that was not my question, 13 Mr. Wilbur. 14 I asked you if you did any analysis of 15 cross-elasticity of demand between different 16 digital ad formats -- 17 MR. WOLIN: Objection to form. 18 BY MR. BITTON: 19 Q. -- and I think your answer is that you 20 did not, right? 21 MR. WOLIN: Objection to form. 22 THE WITNESS: I think my answer is that</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 102</p> <p>1 because I was not asked to evaluate any evidence 2 related to cross-price elasticities of different 3 advertising formats and because the opinions that 4 I expressed do not rely or need to rely on such 5 evidence, I did not. 6 BY MR. BITTON: 7 Q. Okay. Are you offering an opinion in 8 your report as to whether different digital ad 9 formats are competitive with each other? 10 MR. WOLIN: Objection to form. 11 THE WITNESS: I think the word "compete" 12 appears a few times in the report. But if you 13 look at the summary of opinions, I don't think any 14 of the opinions summarized relate directly to 15 competition. 16 BY MR. BITTON: 17 Q. So none of your opinions that you 18 provided relate directly to competition between 19 different digital ad formats? 20 MR. WOLIN: Objection to form. 21 THE WITNESS: Well, I think the opinions 22 I provided could be productive inputs to</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 104</p> <p>1 Q. Fair enough. 2 I think you testified that advertisers 3 switching between different digital ad formats, in 4 your opinion, does not mean that they are 5 interchangeable based on the definition that you 6 used in your report for "interchangeability," 7 right? 8 MR. WOLIN: Objection to form. 9 THE WITNESS: I would still disagree with 10 multiple parts of that question. 11 BY MR. BITTON: 12 Q. Okay. I'm going to ask you differently, 13 see if you agree with that. 14 Is it your opinion in this matter that 15 advertisers switching between different digital ad 16 formats does not mean that those digital ad 17 formats are interchangeable? 18 MR. WOLIN: Objection to form. 19 THE WITNESS: Well, I think what I said 20 in my report was that the evidence related to 21 advertisers switching between formats that was 22 presented in Professor Ghose's and Dr. Israel's</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 103</p> <p>1 determinations about competition between distinct 2 digital ad formats, but I think evaluating 3 competition about distinct -- between distinct 4 digital ad formats was not in the charge that was 5 assigned to me in this matter. 6 BY MR. BITTON: 7 Q. Okay. I think you testified that 8 advertisers switching between different -- 9 switching spend between different digital ad 10 formats does not mean that they are 11 interchangeable, according to your definition, 12 right? 13 MR. WOLIN: Objection to form. 14 THE WITNESS: I would disagree with 15 multiple parts of that question. 16 BY MR. BITTON: 17 Q. What parts do you disagree with? 18 A. Well, I think the definition of 19 "interchangeability" was implicitly provided by 20 Professor Ghose, not by me. It was explicitly 21 clarified by me, but I don't consider it to be my 22 definition of "interchangeability."</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 105</p> <p>1 reports does not support their conclusions or 2 opinions about interchangeability of distinct 3 advertising formats. 4 I thought that evidence was of poor 5 quality and contained multiple flaws, as I pointed 6 out in my report. 7 BY MR. BITTON: 8 Q. But you have not presented evidence in 9 your report that advertisers do not switch between 10 those digital ad formats, right? 11 MR. WOLIN: Objection to form. 12 THE WITNESS: I've argued that such 13 switching, if it were to occur, would be 14 insufficient to prove that those distinct formats 15 are interchangeable, as I understand 16 Professor Ghose to intend the term. 17 BY MR. BITTON: 18 Q. Okay. But you do not dispute that 19 advertisers do switch spend between the digital ad 20 formats discussed in your report? 21 MR. WOLIN: Objection to form. 22 THE WITNESS: When you refer to</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 106</p> <p>1 switching, shifting, substituting, and possibly 2 other near synonyms, I believe you're getting into 3 particular terms with specific legal definitions, 4 which I don't believe I analyzed in the course of 5 developing my opinions in this matter. 6 BY MR. BITTON: 7 Q. So you -- since you didn't analyze that, 8 you have no basis to dispute that advertisers do 9 shift spend across different digital ad formats, 10 right? 11 MR. WOLIN: Objection to form. 12 THE WITNESS: I would not agree with the 13 premise of that question, and I'm not sure what 14 you're asking exactly if I would dispute or not. 15 BY MR. BITTON: 16 Q. Let me ask you this: Do you disagree 17 with the proposition that advertisers may spend a 18 certain amount of dollars on one digital ad 19 format, say -- strike that. We can move on. 20 Do you agree that advertisers determine 21 where to spend their ad dollars across different 22 digital ad formats based on performance measures</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 108</p> <p>1 THE WITNESS: The part of "open web" in 2 the term "open web display advertising" does not 3 refer to a format. 4 BY MR. BITTON: 5 Q. What does it refer to? 6 A. A set of market conditions in which 7 display advertisements are bought and sold. 8 Q. And what do you mean by a set of market 9 conditions? 10 A. Ways in which advertisers seek to 11 purchase and ways in which publishers seek to 12 sell. 13 Q. So you're saying that open web refers to 14 a set of market conditions, in particular, ways in 15 which advertisers seek to purchase and ways in 16 which publishers seek to sell? 17 MR. WOLIN: Objection to form. 18 THE WITNESS: Within the context of open 19 web display, that's my understanding of open web. 20 BY MR. BITTON: 21 Q. And where do you get that understanding 22 from?</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 107</p> <p>1 like return on investment or return on ad spend? 2 MR. WOLIN: Objection to form. 3 THE WITNESS: As I argue in my report, 4 that is one relevant criterion among many that 5 inform such decisions. 6 BY MR. BITTON: 7 Q. Okay. In your report you distinguish -- 8 or you use the term "open web display 9 advertising," right? 10 A. Yes. 11 Q. Is open web display advertising a 12 distinct advertising format? 13 MR. WOLIN: Objection to form. 14 THE WITNESS: Distinct from what? 15 BY MR. BITTON: 16 Q. Distinct from other advertising formats 17 that you are discussing in your report. 18 A. Display advertising is a distinct 19 advertising format. 20 Q. Open web display advertising is not a 21 distinct advertising format? 22 MR. WOLIN: Objection to form.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 109</p> <p>1 A. The term "open web" has been around for a 2 long time. It -- you know, in trade press, in 3 conversations, in academic literature, we are not 4 typically speaking with the same specificity that 5 we would need to use in proceedings such as this. 6 So open web has been around for a long 7 time, referring to the market conditions that I 8 mentioned a few minutes ago. It does not have to 9 be limited to the display advertising format, 10 although often, when we use the term "open web," 11 we're mostly referring to open web display. 12 Additionally, the term "open web display" 13 started coming into industry vernacular probably 14 around 2020. And the first time I've -- the first 15 time I've encountered it, I'm not entirely sure. 16 When I read Professor Lee's report, which 17 Professor Ghose was responding to, it didn't feel 18 like a new term. I think I've encountered it 19 before that. 20 And I think that Professor Lee's 21 description -- he provided a very careful legal 22 quality definition, very precise definition in my</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 110</p> <p>1 opinion, and I think it was consistent with what I</p> <p>2 believed the term "open web display" to mean</p> <p>3 before I read his report.</p> <p>4 Q. Okay. And you said "open web display,"</p> <p>5 that term became vernacular in 2020?</p> <p>6 MR. WOLIN: Objection to form.</p> <p>7 THE WITNESS: I've seen -- during the</p> <p>8 course of working on this case, you know, I was</p> <p>9 curious why it felt so familiar. It's not a very</p> <p>10 old term, but I didn't feel like I first read it</p> <p>11 in Professor Lee's report. And you can find</p> <p>12 references to it in IAB documents and trade press</p> <p>13 articles going back at least to 2020.</p> <p>14 BY MR. BITTON:</p> <p>15 Q. Okay.</p> <p>16 MR. WOLIN: Counsel, we've been going for</p> <p>17 about an hour. So I don't know if you want to --</p> <p>18 when we get a good stop for a break.</p> <p>19 MR. BITTON: Sure. We can stop.</p> <p>20 VIDEO TECHNICIAN: Off the record at</p> <p>21 12:03.</p> <p>22 (A recess was taken.)</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 112</p> <p>1 advertising?</p> <p>2 MR. WOLIN: Objection to form.</p> <p>3 THE WITNESS: If I recall correctly,</p> <p>4 that's in figure 2 of my report. There's a</p> <p>5 variety of different standard ad formats defined</p> <p>6 by the IAB that constitute the more general</p> <p>7 category of display advertising.</p> <p>8 And so the ads that meet those format</p> <p>9 definitions that are transacted in the open</p> <p>10 marketplaces that we spoke about earlier I think</p> <p>11 meet the definition of open web display.</p> <p>12 BY MR. BITTON:</p> <p>13 Q. But the IAB report you're referring to in</p> <p>14 figure 2, it doesn't define what is open web</p> <p>15 display advertising, right?</p> <p>16 A. This is one definition among a set of</p> <p>17 advertising format definitions. It defines</p> <p>18 display format advertising. And so I then</p> <p>19 narrowed display format advertising according to</p> <p>20 the means by which it's typically transacted</p> <p>21 within in order to provide my understanding of</p> <p>22 open web display advertising.</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 111</p> <p>1 VIDEO TECHNICIAN: Back on the record at</p> <p>2 12:50.</p> <p>3 BY MR. BITTON:</p> <p>4 Q. Welcome back, Mr. Wilbur.</p> <p>5 So I want to return back to your</p> <p>6 definition of the term "open web display</p> <p>7 advertising."</p> <p>8 What's included in open web display</p> <p>9 advertising?</p> <p>10 MR. WOLIN: Objection to form.</p> <p>11 THE WITNESS: Well, I think it's not</p> <p>12 specifically my definition, but I understand it to</p> <p>13 be roughly the intersection of what I've thought</p> <p>14 for a long time as open web advertising and</p> <p>15 display advertising.</p> <p>16 So a particular means of transacting</p> <p>17 display advertising using the format that I think</p> <p>18 has been described well and completely by the IAB</p> <p>19 in their internet advertising revenue report.</p> <p>20 BY MR. BITTON:</p> <p>21 Q. So can you state which ads -- which types</p> <p>22 of ads are included in open web display</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 113</p> <p>1 Q. So you agree that there is no definition</p> <p>2 here in the IAB resource that you cited of the</p> <p>3 term "open web display advertising," right?</p> <p>4 A. That's not the purpose of this resource,</p> <p>5 and so of course it does not define something</p> <p>6 outside of its own purpose.</p> <p>7 Q. But you -- I'm asking a very simple</p> <p>8 question.</p> <p>9 The term "open web display advertising"</p> <p>10 is not defined in the IAB resource that you're</p> <p>11 relying on in this report, correct?</p> <p>12 MR. WOLIN: Objection to form.</p> <p>13 THE WITNESS: The reason I relied on the</p> <p>14 IAB resource was to clarify an omission --</p> <p>15 BY MR. BITTON:</p> <p>16 Q. Mr. Wilbur, I'm asking you not the</p> <p>17 reason. What --</p> <p>18 MR. WOLIN: Counsel, let him finish --</p> <p>19 BY MR. BITTON:</p> <p>20 Q. -- I'm asking you --</p> <p>21 MR. WOLIN: -- his answer. We're not</p> <p>22 going to have --</p>


<p style="text-align: right;">Page 114</p> <p>1 MR. BITTON: But he's not answering my 2 question. 3 MR. WOLIN: Counsel, let him finish. 4 BY MR. BITTON: 5 Q. I'm asking if this resource that you rely 6 on, figure 2, the IAB resource, does it or does it 7 not define the term "open web display 8 advertising"? That's the only question I asked, 9 and it's a yes or no answer. 10 MR. WOLIN: Counsel -- objection to form. 11 You may answer the question as you need 12 to to testify truthfully. 13 BY MR. BITTON: 14 Q. Do you want me to restate the question, 15 Mr. Wilbur? 16 A. Sure. 17 Q. The IAB resource that you're relying on 18 in figure 2, does it or does it not define the 19 term "open web display advertising"? 20 MR. WOLIN: Objection to form. 21 THE WITNESS: It defines "display 22 advertising" as a format without reference to</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 116</p> <p>1 Is the term "open web display 2 advertising" defined in the IAB resource in 3 figure 2, yes or no? 4 MR. WOLIN: Objection to form. Asked and 5 answered. 6 THE WITNESS: Should I answer? 7 MR. WOLIN: You can answer. 8 THE WITNESS: I think the definition of 9 "open web display advertising" is informed by 10 figure 2, specifically the display format, which 11 is one of the two components of the definition of 12 "open web display advertising," is defined in 13 figure 2. 14 BY MR. BITTON: 15 Q. Yeah, it seems like you're refusing to 16 answer my question, Mr. Wilbur -- because it's a 17 very simple question. 18 Do you anywhere in figure 2 see the 19 definition of the term "open web display 20 advertising"? 21 MR. WOLIN: Objection to form. Asked and 22 answered. Argumentative.</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 115</p> <p>1 means of advertising transactions. 2 BY MR. BITTON: 3 Q. So is your answer that the IAB resource 4 in figure 2 of your report does not define the 5 term "open web display advertising"? 6 MR. WOLIN: Objection to form. 7 THE WITNESS: I think it informs the term 8 with respect to the display format, which is one 9 of the two integral components of the definition 10 of "open web display advertising." 11 BY MR. BITTON: 12 Q. So you're saying it defines part of the 13 term "open web display advertising," but you 14 cannot point me to anything in figure 2 where it 15 states a definition of the term "open web display 16 advertising," correct? 17 MR. WOLIN: Objection to form. 18 THE WITNESS: But that's not the purpose 19 of figure 2. 20 BY MR. BITTON: 21 Q. But that's not my question. I asked you 22 a very simple yes or no question.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 117</p> <p>1 You may answer. 2 THE WITNESS: I understand that I am not 3 limiting my answer to the two potential answers 4 you provided to your question, but I believe that 5 I am answering your question to the best of my 6 ability. 7 BY MR. BITTON: 8 Q. I don't believe you are, but we'll move 9 on. 10 So what -- I'll revert back to the other 11 question. 12 What exactly is included in the term 13 "open web display advertising"? 14 MR. WOLIN: Objection to form. 15 THE WITNESS: I'm happy to repeat my 16 previous answer. My understanding is that it is 17 the intersection of "open web advertising" and 18 "display advertising." It is ads that fall into 19 the display format defined by the IAB that are 20 transacted in what are commonly called open 21 environments, as we discussed earlier. 22</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 118</p> <p>1 BY MR. BITTON:</p> <p>2 Q. Okay. So you distinguished two things.</p> <p>3 You said open web advertising and display</p> <p>4 advertising.</p> <p>5 What is open web advertising?</p> <p>6 MR. WOLIN: Objection to form.</p> <p>7 THE WITNESS: Digital advertisements --</p> <p>8 I'm sorry. Could you repeat your question,</p> <p>9 please?</p> <p>10 BY MR. BITTON:</p> <p>11 Q. You stated, My understanding is that it's</p> <p>12 the intersection of "open web advertising" and</p> <p>13 "display advertising."</p> <p>14 So what is open web advertising?</p> <p>15 A. Thank you.</p> <p>16 Advertisements that are presented to</p> <p>17 consumers on the web, which are transacted through</p> <p>18 what are commonly called open marketplaces.</p> <p>19 Q. And what are you referring to when you</p> <p>20 say open marketplaces?</p> <p>21 A. Oh -- yeah, so this is I think what we</p> <p>22 covered earlier. These are marketplaces where</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 120</p> <p>1 BY MR. BITTON:</p> <p>2 Q. Is it your opinion that apps are not</p> <p>3 included in the term "open web"?</p> <p>4 MR. WOLIN: Objection to form.</p> <p>5 THE WITNESS: I think most people --</p> <p>6 there may not be a single answer to that. It may</p> <p>7 depend on who's using it and whether they're using</p> <p>8 it carefully.</p> <p>9 But I think most people would say "web"</p> <p>10 does not imply apps.</p> <p>11 BY MR. BITTON:</p> <p>12 Q. Okay. And is it your opinion that</p> <p>13 display ads that are transacted on anything other</p> <p>14 than open marketplaces that you refer to are not</p> <p>15 interchangeable with display ads that are</p> <p>16 transacted in different ways?</p> <p>17 MR. WOLIN: Objection to form.</p> <p>18 THE WITNESS: Can I restate your question</p> <p>19 to confirm my understanding?</p> <p>20 BY MR. BITTON:</p> <p>21 Q. Sure.</p> <p>22 A. Are open in-app advertisements</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 119</p> <p>1 most advertisers are able to participate as buyers</p> <p>2 if they want to, and most publishers are able to</p> <p>3 participate as sellers if they want to without</p> <p>4 stringent limitations on which buyers and sellers</p> <p>5 are allowed to participate.</p> <p>6 Q. So you're saying that the term "open web"</p> <p>7 means marketplaces where most advertisers are able</p> <p>8 to participate as buyers if they want to and most</p> <p>9 publishers are able to participate as sellers if</p> <p>10 they want to?</p> <p>11 A. And I think I --</p> <p>12 MR. WOLIN: Objection to form. Sorry.</p> <p>13 THE WITNESS: Sorry.</p> <p>14 I think I also included where the units</p> <p>15 being transacted are advertisements that are</p> <p>16 presented to consumers on the web or on websites.</p> <p>17 BY MR. BITTON:</p> <p>18 Q. On websites only. So the open web</p> <p>19 includes only websites? That's your opinion?</p> <p>20 MR. WOLIN: Objection to form.</p> <p>21 THE WITNESS: I think "web" implies</p> <p>22 websites.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 121</p> <p>1 interchangeable with in-app advertisements that</p> <p>2 are transacted in closed marketplaces?</p> <p>3 Q. I wasn't confining myself to in-app or</p> <p>4 web. I was asking you, are display advertisements</p> <p>5 that are transacted outside of open marketplaces,</p> <p>6 as you defined it, in your opinion not</p> <p>7 interchangeable with display ads that are</p> <p>8 transacted on open marketplaces?</p> <p>9 MR. WOLIN: Objection to form.</p> <p>10 THE WITNESS: I think I've argued in my</p> <p>11 report in several places identifying what I</p> <p>12 consider to be some key differences in the</p> <p>13 benefits and costs from an advertiser's</p> <p>14 perspective between display advertisements</p> <p>15 transacted in open markets and in non-open</p> <p>16 environments.</p> <p>17 BY MR. BITTON:</p> <p>18 Q. But your definition of interchangeable,</p> <p>19 for purposes of your report that you -- let me</p> <p>20 strike that.</p> <p>21 The definition that you relied on for the</p> <p>22 word "interchangeable" in your report is whether</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 246</p> <p>1 MR. WOLIN: Objection to form.</p> <p>2 THE WITNESS: No. As I've made clear</p> <p>3 today, this is my report, and I was assisted in</p> <p>4 preparing it by several individuals at the</p> <p>5 Brattle Group.</p> <p>6 BY MR. BITTON:</p> <p>7 Q. Okay.</p> <p>8 A. Oh. We do not cite depositions from</p> <p>9 Meta.</p> <p>10 Q. Okay. And you said there were about a</p> <p>11 hundred depositions taken in the case?</p> <p>12 A. That's what the support team informed me.</p> <p>13 Yes.</p> <p>14 Q. Okay. And how many deposition</p> <p>15 transcripts did you review to prepare your report?</p> <p>16 A. Oh. I looked at passages of the</p> <p>17 transcripts that we cite, and I've looked at --</p> <p>18 I've reviewed a few other passages and a few other</p> <p>19 depositions as well that we did not rely upon.</p> <p>20 Q. Which deposition transcript did you</p> <p>21 review that you did not rely upon in your report?</p> <p>22 A. I wouldn't be able to identify that</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 248</p> <p>1 executives?</p> <p>2 BY MR. BITTON:</p> <p>3 Q. That's not -- the question was, what made</p> <p>4 you think that eight deposition transcripts was</p> <p>5 enough to form your views in a case that has</p> <p>6 testimony from a hundred individuals?</p> <p>7 MR. WOLIN: Objection to form.</p> <p>8 THE WITNESS: I've been communicating</p> <p>9 with advertising executives in many forms for</p> <p>10 20 years. I have a pretty good sense of when</p> <p>11 their statements are illuminative.</p> <p>12 I also have a pretty good sense that more</p> <p>13 accurate and more representative information can</p> <p>14 be observed by analyzing advertiser behaviors more</p> <p>15 so than advertiser statements. Of course that's</p> <p>16 not an absolute. It depends on the question at</p> <p>17 hand and depends on the information available.</p> <p>18 But the -- you know, the evidence I've</p> <p>19 cited throughout my report is sufficient, in my</p> <p>20 judgment, to reach the opinions that I've</p> <p>21 expressed. The cases where I relied on deposition</p> <p>22 transcripts were primarily illustrative of the</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 247</p> <p>1 purely based off memory.</p> <p>2 Q. How many deposition transcripts of</p> <p>3 different witnesses do you cite in your report?</p> <p>4 A. Eight.</p> <p>5 Q. Eight. So you rely on eight out of the</p> <p>6 hundred deposition transcripts that were produced</p> <p>7 in this case?</p> <p>8 A. Yes.</p> <p>9 Q. And how do you -- strike that.</p> <p>10 So that's less than 10 percent of the</p> <p>11 deposition transcripts that you were relying on</p> <p>12 for your report, right?</p> <p>13 A. Eight is less than 10 percent of 100. I</p> <p>14 agree.</p> <p>15 Q. Okay. What made you think that eight</p> <p>16 deposition transcripts was enough to form your</p> <p>17 views in a case that has testimony from a hundred</p> <p>18 individuals?</p> <p>19 MR. WOLIN: Objection to form.</p> <p>20 THE WITNESS: Is it fair to interpret</p> <p>21 that question as saying why didn't you rely</p> <p>22 primarily on depositions of advertising industry</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 249</p> <p>1 opinions that I reached about the statements about</p> <p>2 advertisers in Professor Ghose and Dr. Israel's</p> <p>3 reports.</p> <p>4 BY MR. BITTON:</p> <p>5 Q. Did you -- you have shared opinions in</p> <p>6 your report about the interchangeability between</p> <p>7 social media advertising and display advertising,</p> <p>8 right?</p> <p>9 A. I would say about the lack of</p> <p>10 interchangeability.</p> <p>11 Q. Okay. And you testified earlier that</p> <p>12 Meta operates through major social media</p> <p>13 platforms?</p> <p>14 A. Sure. Yeah.</p> <p>15 Q. But you're also testifying that you did</p> <p>16 not review the deposition transcripts of Meta to</p> <p>17 inform your opinions in this case, right?</p> <p>18 MR. WOLIN: Objection to form.</p> <p>19 THE WITNESS: Meta competes with sellers</p> <p>20 of open web display advertising.</p> <p>21 BY MR. BITTON:</p> <p>22 Q. Okay. Any examples of sellers of open</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 250</p> <p>1 web display advertising that Meta competes with?</p> <p>2 MR. WOLIN: Objection to form.</p> <p>3 THE WITNESS: Within the context of this</p> <p>4 case, that's a detailed and technical analysis</p> <p>5 that I was not retained to perform.</p> <p>6 And if I could go back and augment one</p> <p>7 previous answer I think was incomplete. I</p> <p>8 reviewed more deposition transcripts than what I</p> <p>9 relied upon. I reviewed the passages of</p> <p>10 deposition transcripts that were included in the</p> <p>11 Professor Ghose and Dr. Israel reports.</p> <p>12 BY MR. BITTON:</p> <p>13 Q. Okay. But my question was, any examples</p> <p>14 of sellers of open web display advertising that</p> <p>15 Meta competes with?</p> <p>16 MR. WOLIN: Objection to form.</p> <p>17 THE WITNESS: I believe I just answered</p> <p>18 that completely. I'd be happy to repeat it if you</p> <p>19 like.</p> <p>20 BY MR. BITTON:</p> <p>21 Q. Okay. So -- okay. So you don't have</p> <p>22 examples, but you agree that Meta competes with</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 252</p> <p>1 A. I asked my support team to identify</p> <p>2 relevant passages in all of the 100 produced -- or</p> <p>3 100 or so produced depositions.</p> <p>4 Q. Okay. So you only read selected parts of</p> <p>5 each witness' deposition testimony to prepare the</p> <p>6 opinions in your report?</p> <p>7 MR. WOLIN: Objection to form.</p> <p>8 THE WITNESS: Like I said, the role of</p> <p>9 the deposition quotes that I included was more for</p> <p>10 illustration of key points that I supported with</p> <p>11 generally more relevant and complete evidence.</p> <p>12 BY MR. BITTON:</p> <p>13 Q. Okay.</p> <p>14 MR. BITTON: Okay. Let's pull up some of</p> <p>15 [REDACTED] testimony that you did not cite in</p> <p>16 your report or perhaps did not review in</p> <p>17 preparation of your report.</p> <p>18 We'll mark [REDACTED] deposition</p> <p>19 testimony as Wilbur Exhibit 12.</p> <p>20 (Wilbur Deposition Exhibit 12 marked for</p> <p>21 identification and attached to the</p> <p>22 transcript.)</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 251</p> <p>1 sellers of open web display advertising?</p> <p>2 MR. WOLIN: Objection to form.</p> <p>3 THE WITNESS: Like I said, I don't think</p> <p>4 I was retained to evaluate that in this case. And</p> <p>5 that's a careful and delicate analysis that needs</p> <p>6 to be performed carefully.</p> <p>7 BY MR. BITTON:</p> <p>8 Q. Okay. You cite -- you cite the testimony</p> <p>9 of [REDACTED] in your expert report, right?</p> <p>10 A. I'm very bad with names. I should</p> <p>11 double-check before I confirm.</p> <p>12 Yes, I do.</p> <p>13 Q. Yeah. It's in paragraph 18, footnote 7,</p> <p>14 of your report.</p> <p>15 A. Confirmed.</p> <p>16 Q. Okay. Did you review his entire</p> <p>17 deposition transcript?</p> <p>18 A. No, I did not.</p> <p>19 Q. You only read parts of it?</p> <p>20 A. Yes.</p> <p>21 Q. How did you determine what parts of his</p> <p>22 deposition testimony to read?</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 253</p> <p>1 BY MR. BITTON:</p> <p>2 Q. Professor Wilbur, I'd like to direct your</p> <p>3 attention to page 144 of [REDACTED] testimony.</p> <p>4 That's on the -- you know, the overall page 35 --</p> <p>5 sorry, I misspoke. 37.</p> <p>6 And I'll direct you to line 13 where the</p> <p>7 following question is asked of [REDACTED]</p> <p>8 [REDACTED]</p> <p>9 [REDACTED]</p> <p>10 [REDACTED]</p> <p>11 [REDACTED]</p> <p>12 [REDACTED]</p> <p>13 Do you see that?</p> <p>14 A. That's page 145, line 13?</p> <p>15 Q. No. 144, line 13.</p> <p>16 A. Oh, thank you.</p> <p>17 I do see that.</p> <p>18 Q. Okay. And what -- and then [REDACTED]</p> <p>19 answers, [REDACTED]</p> <p>20 [REDACTED]</p> <p>21 Do you see that?</p> <p>22 A. Yes.</p>

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